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APPLICANTS : Andre JEUNINK *et al.*

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EXAMINER : Rodney E. Fuller

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ART UNIT : 2851

FOR : LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM

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Commissioner for Patents

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the supplemental Office Action mailed April 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper,

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (*Ref. No. 081468-0306683*).

Remarks

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the rejected claims are requested.

In the Drawings

Applicants note with thanks the Examiner's acceptance of the drawings filed on November 14, 2003.

Rejection

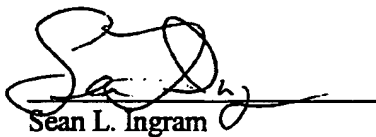
Claims 1-40 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,788,383 to Jeunink *et al.* Applicants have amended the claims to more accurately describe the invention and to distinguish over Jeunink *et al.*, at least by including a threshold adjustor. Thus, the examiner is respectfully requested to remove this rejection.

Reconsideration and allowance of these claims are requested. Having addressed the foregoing rejection, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Dated: July 21, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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